

Beach Cities Watershed Management Group Meeting

September 8, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Raul Saenz (City of MB), Geraldine Trivedi (City of RB), John Dettle (City of Torrance), Chien Pei (Mark) Yu (CalTrans), TJ Moon (LACFCD), Yao Kouwonou (LACFCD), Michelle Reed (LACFCD), Amy Kim (Exxon Mobil Refinery), Chris Wessel (Geosyntec)

1. Introductions/Approval of minutes from 8-18-15 meeting
2. Clean Bay Restaurant Program
 - a. Vicki Gambale email update: The Bay Foundation plans to hold a meeting with all the cities and inspectors in late October (around the 27th to 30th) depending on everyone's availability.
 - b. Vicki Gambale checked with management and confirmed that the Bay Foundation has to rebrand their logo.
3. Conditional Approval of the Beach Cities CIMP from the Executive Officer of the LARWQCB
 - a. The Regional Board approved the Beach Cities CIMP with a few conditions that will need to be incorporated into the CIMP
 - iv. Geosyntec provided a draft matrix with the Regional Board conditions and Geosyntec's initial response for discussion with the group
 - v. Comment #2 regarding adding WLAs for DDT and PCBs in Table 2 of the CIMP:
 1. The group wants to make sure there is a footnote referencing that the WLAs are for the entire SMB on an annual basis
 - vi. Comment #5 regarding adding weekly bacteria monitoring at SMB O-7:
 1. The group would like to set up a call with the Regional Board to talk about challenging the addition of this site since there is a monitoring location less than 100 yards from the proposed location and there are significant non-stormwater sources which could impact the monitoring results at that location.
 - vii. Comment 6 regarding incorporating shared data from City of LA into CIMP annual report rather than referencing it:
 1. The group agreed to add a caveat to the CIMP that the inclusion of this data in the annual report assumes timely receipt of the data from City of LA and LACFCD. If the data is not available, then the Annual Report will be submitted on time and the shared data will be included in next year's annual report.
 - viii. Comment 7 regarding providing proof of an agreement with the City of LA to share data:
 1. TJ Moon with LACFCD has an email from City of LA to provide as evidence of the intent to share data.

- ix. Comment 8 and 9 regarding the update/clarification of tables 6 and 2:
 - 1. Geosyntec will update tables to address the Regional Board comments
 - x. Comment 10 regarding the clarification of a rain day:
 - 1. Geosyntec has revised the CIMP to provide additional clarification
 - xi. Comment 11 and 12 regarding the Redondo Beach PMRP and Torrance TMRP:
 - 1. Geosyntec will include the revised Redondo Beach PMRP and Torrance TMRP in the CIMP re-submittal to the Regional Board
 - xii. The group discussed how to incorporate the updated toxicity protocol from the Regional Board into the CIMP
 - 1. Geosyntec will add the protocol to the SOP in the appendix of the CIMP and reference appropriately.
 - 2. If the CIMP implementation RFP goes out before the CIMP is updated, then the updated protocol will be included in the RFP
 - b. The revised CIMP is due to the Regional Board on September 24, 2015
 - iv. Geosyntec will submit the revised CIMP to the Regional Board by this date
 - c. Monitoring must commence by November 23, 2015
4. Draft RFP for CIMP Implementation discussion
- a. The group would like to Include a template cost table in the RFP to allow respondents to provide costs per task
 - b. The group requested that discussion of SMB Debris TMDL be removed since they are not included in the RFP scope
 - c. The group requested that the introduction more accurately outline the scope of services being requested
 - d. The group suggested that the Health and Safety Plan should include a Traffic Control Plan
 - e. The group suggested that the RFP explicitly state that the Consultant should obtain any necessary no-fee encroachment permits from the agency where they will be accessing facilities as well as a business license if required from all cities where they are collecting any samples
 - f. The RFP should state that any lab doing analysis should have ELAP certification
 - g. The group agreed that a subtask should be added to Task 1 to require the Consultant to submit a Notification and Action plan for observed exceedances
 - h. The group developed a list of consultants to send the RFP to including: Larry Walker, Northgate, Geosyntec, CWE, Weston, ABC Lab (for toxicity monitoring)
 - i. There was discussion regarding the protocol for follow up monitoring after an exceedance of toxicity thresholds
 - iv. Chris Wessel (Geosyntec) stated that the Toxicity Memorandum provided by the Regional Board sets forth the pathway that must be followed for follow up monitoring after a toxicity exceedance. There are a number of possible scenarios, based on the initial toxicity result, the TIE result, and the presence of upstream sampling sites.

- j. The group wants to distribute the RFP as soon as possible
5. EWMP
- a. The Regional Board staff sent an inquiry regarding the completion date for the EWMP 30-month early-action project (Torrance Basins Enhancement Project)
 - iv. Torrance confirmed the completion date is August 20, 2015
 - b. The consideration of a Petition for Review of Executive Officer action to approve, with conditions, nine (9) WMPs is on the LARWQCB Agenda for September 10, 2015 (after 1pm)
 - iv. The environmental groups have filed a petition against the Executive Officer for approving WMPs with conditions
 - v. The group agreed that this discussion could provide useful information for framing their EWMP comment responses
 - vi. LA County will be at the meeting to report back to the group
6. Current/upcoming Prop 1 Grant Solicitations
- a. There is approximately \$150K left in the EWMP/CIMP development budget, so the group wants to use some of the funds to have Geosyntec prepare a Prop 1 grant application.
 - b. There are 3 Prop 1 grants for the group to consider:
 - iv. Prop 1 Coastal Conservancy due Sept 30 (or Dec 31, Mar 31, June 30)
 - v. Prop 1 Watershed Restoration & Delta Water Quality-CA Fish & Wildlife (due Sept 16)
 - vi. Prop 1 Stormwater Implementation grants: Round 1 solicitation in spring 2016, \$80 million statewide, Round 2 in spring 2018, \$86 million.
 - 1. Planning grants only available to upgrade/develop plan to meet Storm Water Resource Plan Guidelines
 - c. The Group agrees that the Prop 1 Coastal Conservancy grant makes the most sense due to its applicability and deadlines for submittal
 - d. Two approaches to a grant application were discussed by the group:
 - iv. Since the Herondo Drainage area has the most difficult compliance issues, consider the planning/design of projects from this subwatershed for the grant application—that is to package the planning/design of all projects that drain to Herondo together in one grant application
 - v. Or, choose the two projects with the highest priority according to the tables in the EWMP [based on review of the EWMP, the two projects which achieved the greatest load reduction on the Santa Monica Bay watershed which has the shortest compliance deadline are the Hermosa Greenbelt (on Herondo system) and the Manhattan Beach Infiltration trench (on 28th Street storm drain)
7. J5&6 Shoreline Monitoring MOA Extension/Renewal
- iv. All cities have paid Redondo Beach for this monitoring so no MOA amendment is needed and this monitoring can continue until the CIMP monitoring contract is in place
8. MOA for CIMP
- a. Cost sharing

- iv. The 4 cities (RB, HB, MB, and Torrance) agreed to share costs on an area basis
- v. LACFCD will contribute 5% of the total CIMP implementation cost
- vi. Caltrans wants to participate as a party to the MOU and will decide upon their fair share once the CIMP implementation costs are received
 - 1. Caltrans is interested in receiving water and TMDL monitoring data only
- vii. Exxon Mobil Refinery wants to participate in the MOU by contributing to the cost of CIMP implementation for the sharing of monitoring data
 - 1. Exxon Mobil is interested in monitoring data from the Dominguez Channel and Torrance Lateral
 - 2. If the Beach Cities CIMP monitoring data satisfies Exxon Mobil's NPDES requirements, then the group will determine their fair share of the CIMP implementation costs

b. Term

- iv. The group agreed on a 5-year term for the MOU

9. Next meeting October 13, 2015, 10am-noon

Summary of Action Items

- 1. Chris Wessel will set up a call with the Regional Board, the City of Redondo Beach, and Kathleen McGowan to discuss the need to add the monitoring site SMB O-7 into the CIMP.
- 2. TJ Moon (LACFCD) will forward Geosyntec the email from City of LA to LACFCD as proof of an agreement to share data.
- 3. Geraldine Trivedi will revise the Redondo Beach PMRP to address the Regional Board comments and provide to Chris Wessel to include in the CIMP.
- 4. John Dettle will revise the Torrance TMRP to address the Regional Board comments and provide to Chris Wessel to include in the CIMP.
- 5. Chris Wessel (Geosyntec) will provide the revised CIMP addressing Regional Board comments to the Beach Cities group by the end of the week of September 15, 2015.
- 6. McGowan Consulting will prepare a Cost Table template to include in the RFP
- 7. McGowan Consulting will provide links to the Key References listed in the RFP to Raul Saenz (Manhattan Beach) to include on the City's website as part of the RFP advertisement
- 8. McGowan Consulting will remove reference to the SMB Debris TMDL on Page 7 of the RFP
- 9. McGowan Consulting will update the RFP introduction to state that the group is looking for professional services to collect samples, manage labs and analysis, and prepare reports.
- 10. McGowan Consulting will update the RFP to require a Traffic Control Plan as part of the Health and Safety Plan
- 11. McGowan Consulting will update the RFP to state that the Consultant shall obtain any necessary no-fee permits for facility access as well as business licenses from all cities in which they are collecting samples.
- 12. McGowan Consulting will update the RFP to include the requirement that any lab doing

analysis should have ELAP certification.

13. McGowan Consulting will add a Subtask to Task 1 of the RFP to require Consultant to submit a Notification and Action Plan for observed exceedances
14. McGowan Consulting will add a sentence in the RFP mentioning that Michelson Lab has been conducting SMBB TMDL sampling and that the Consultant can reach out to them for information, but are not required to use them as a subcontractor.
15. Raul Saenz (Manhattan Beach) will provide McGowan Consulting with a timeline for advertising/posting the RFP
16. Chris Wessel (Geosyntec) will provide Redondo Beach with a cost estimate for preparing a Prop 1 grant application for the Beach Cities WMG.
17. McGowan Consulting will send the group an excerpt from the EWMP for the high-priority Santa Monica Bay drainage projects so that the group can decide which project(s) to pick for the Prop 1 grant application.
18. McGowan Consulting will send Amy Kim (Exxon Mobil) a link to the Beach Cities CIMP for her discussion with the Regional Board to determine if the Beach Cities CIMP meets their individual NPDES permit requirements and to find out what the Regional Board will accept as evidence for participation in the Beach Cities CIMP.